

## REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application.

## THE SPECIES ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner has required species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a specifically named conditioning as recited in the Markush group of claim 14.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species mechanical conditioning. Currently pending claims 1-14, 19-26 and 31-41 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner further indicates that if mechanical conditioning is elected, Applicants are required to elect a specifically named applied force as recited in the Markush group of claim 20.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species mechanical force. Currently pending claims 1-14, 19-26 and 31-41 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner has required species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a specifically named body tissue as recited in the Markush group of claim 12.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species bone marrow. Currently pending claims 1-33 and 35-41 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner has required species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a specifically named biological material as recited in the Markush group of claim 13.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). Currently pending claims 1-40 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner has required species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a specifically named mammal as recited in the Markush group of claim 10.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the species humans. Currently pending claims 1-41 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant fully reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more related applications.

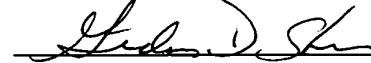
Also, upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to unelected species that include all the limitations of the generic claim are also allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

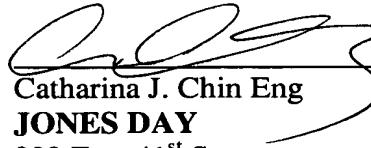
Applicant respectfully requests that the above remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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